THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) The investigation in this case has been completed and the matter put to Court for trial.

(b) and (c) The process of refunding money to the persons who were cheated by the company is in progress and so far 1870 persons have been refunded their money.

(d) and (e) The information in being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Rejection of petition filed to lift the ban on religious activities

4832. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has rejected the petition filed by the Central Government to lift the ban on religious activities either on the disputed land or on nearabout the undisputed land in the Babri Masjid site till the adjudication of the title suits of the Allahabad High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the further course of action to be pursued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) The Supreme Court in its Judgement in the Writ Petition No. 160 (Civil) of 2002 - Mohd. Aslam @ Bhure Vs. Union of India and others delivered on 31.3.2003, has held that its earlier order of 13.3.2002 as modified on 14.3.2002 will continue to be operative until disposal of the title suits in the Special Full Bench of the Allahabad High Court at Lucknow. In terms of the Judgement, the Central Government as a statutory receiver is bound to maintain status quo in the acquired area at Ram Janma Bhoomi Babri Masjid Complex at Ayodhya.

Detention of minor boys under pota

4833. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of minor boys in the State of Jharkhand have been detained under the provisions of the POTA;

(b) the number of the POTA detainees in Jharkhand showing details namely, district-wise and age group-wise break ups and period of detention of each detainee till 31st March, 2003;

(c) the number of instances prosecution has commenced in the Court; and

(d) the number of instances detainees have been released without trial-age, period of detention and reason for release in each case?